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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: OVIP (MONDALE, WALTER F.)

SUBJECT: VICE PRESIDENT'S VISIT

REF: STATE 99267

1. I CALLED ON FOREIGN SECRETARY ROMULO APRIL 19 AT HIS REQUEST TO DELIVER REFTEL MESSAGE WHICH HE, HAVING BEEN ADVISED REGARDING THE SUBJECT, WISHED TO RECEIVE IN PERSON WITH ACCOMPANYING TALKING POINTS.

2. ROMULO SEEMED UNCOMFORTABLE WITH OUR MESSAGE, EVIDENTLY SINCE IT SEEMED TO ESTABLISH SEVERAL LOOPHOLES FOR MEDIA FOCUS ON ANY MEETING WITH THE OPPOSITION, OR AS HE PUT IT, "FOR EXPLOITATION BY SUBVERSIVES." POINTS OF EXPRESS CONCERN WERE: (A) OUR CONTENTION "PUBLICITY CANNOT BE AVOIDED" TO WHICH HE REPLIED "OF COURSE IT CAN"; (B) OUR INTENTION TO ANNOUNCE MEETING, CONCERNING WHICH HE WANTED TO KNOW IF WE WOULD RELEASE NAMES OF PARTICIPANTS AND IF ANNOUNCEMENT WOULD BE AFTER FACT OR APPEAR IN PROGRAM; (C) OUR TAKING OF PICTURES, CONCERNING WHICH HE INQUIRED WHETHER OUR PHOTO WOULD BE FOR PUBLICITY OR RECORD?

3. ROMULO DID NOT PROBE OUR STATED EXPECTATION OF RESPONDING TO QUESTIONS IF ASKED. I ADDED TO THE TALKING POINTS OUR INTENTION TO ANNOUNCE PUBLICLY THE DATES FOR THE
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VICE PRESIDENT'S ITINERARY ON APRIL 19, 12:00 NOON EST.

4. AT THE CLOSE OF OUR MEETING ROMULO INSTRUCTED HIS SPECIAL ASSISTANT, AMBASSADOR MABILANGAN, TO PASS MY TALKING POINTS MOST URGENTLY TO PRESIDENT MARCOS. WE LAPSED BRIEFLY INTO PLEASANTRIES, AND WHEN I TOOK LEAVE, ROMULO EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT THIS PARTICULAR DIALOGUE IN ANTICIPATION OF

THE VICE PRESIDENT'S VISIT WOULD BE SOON COMPLETED. STULL

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